



Indiana Trucking Tips

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Calendar Notes

January 31, 2002

Fourth quarter Motor Carrier Fuel Tax (MCFT-101) and International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA-101) returns are due.

IRP Reminders

REMINDER: If you have an IRP Registration Renewal month of January, February, March or April 2002, your mileage reporting period will be July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. The jurisdictional listing of your pre-printed renewal will reflect those dates as well.

The IRP Unit has completed the billing process for all Sixty-Day Temporary Permit Authorities (60-day temps) for the registration year 2000. If you receive a billing statement for a 2000 registration year transaction, payment will be expected by the specified due date reflected on the billing statement.

If you have obtained a Sixty-Day Temporary Permit Authority from a wire service, you are required to submit the necessary paperwork and supporting documentation to the IRP Unit within ten (10) business days of obtaining the permit. Failure to comply will result in suspension of your temporary permit privileges.

Also, a Sixty-Day Temporary Permit can only be voided within three (3) business days from the date of obtaining the permit. Failure to comply will result in a billing statement for full fees due for the temporary permit.

International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) and Motor Fuel

IFTA/Motor Fuel renewals must be signed in ink. Renewals submitted without the proper signature will not be processed. This could result in your credentials being delayed.

A \$25.00 fee is required for processing your renewal. Renewals submitted without the required renewal fee will not be processed and could result in your credentials being delayed.

CDL Physical Exam Information is Automated!

Commercial drivers and authorized companies can check the processing status of a Department of Transportation (DOT) physical examination form, **24 hours a day, seven days a week!** This service is available to individual drivers and to companies; however, companies must register with us and receive an authorization number.

Why is this such good news? Commercial Drivers' Licenses (CDLs) are valid for four (4) years, contingent upon valid medical certification. However, medical examiners can certify drivers physical fitness for a period of up to only two (2) years. Since the CDL endorsement is valid only as long as drivers remain medically qualified, drivers have to obtain a second physical exam and file another DOT physical exam form before the first medical certification expires in order to keep driving.

If any information is missing from the form, or if any of the examination results do not meet the CDL qualifications, the medical certification cannot be approved, and the CDL endorsement will be revoked. So, the good news is that this new automated service provides instant access to your CDL medical exam status and tells you what you need to do next if there are any processing problems.

Drivers will need either their nine (9) - digit Social Security Number or their ten (10) - digit driver's license number when they call. If a motor carrier company wants to check on the status of its drivers, the company may file Form CDL-VRU and apply for an authorization number. A company will receive an authorization number with the understanding that it is for the company to use when checking on their drivers' physical exams status.

Drivers can call **(317) 615-7433** today and begin using this service! Call Carolyn Hill in the CDL section at (317) 615-7339 if you have questions or problems. You may also call Ms. Hill to get an Authorization Application form, or you may download the form from our Web site, www.state.in.us/dor/mcs/pages/index.html.

Motor Carrier Services Telephone Numbers



Commercial Drivers License
(317) 615-7335

IRP
(317) 615-7340

Indiana State Police
(317) 615-7373

**Oversize/Overweight
Vehicle Permitting**
(317) 615-7320

Motor Carrier Fuel Tax/IFTA
(317) 615-7345

Operating Authority
(317) 615-7290

**Titles/Base Plate
Registration**
(317) 615-7340

**Oversize/Overweight
Insurance**
(317) 615-7349

Superload Permits
(317) 615-7325

USDOT/SSRS
(317) 615-7350

CDL Medical Exam Form Updated

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has updated and simplified the medical examination form that is currently used to determine the physical qualification of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers operating in interstate commerce.

The FMCSA took this action in response to numerous requests from medical examiners. This action is intended to reduce the incidence of errors on such forms and to provide more uniform medical examinations of CMV drivers engaged in interstate commerce.

The new physical examination form became effective November 4, 2001. Companies will be required to retain the entire form (driver's role and medical examiner's instructions, along with the medical information and the medical examiner's certification). The revised form is available by contacting the CDL section (317) 615-7335 or by downloading the revised form from our Motor Carrier Services' Web site at www.state.in.us/dor/mcs/formlist.html.

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